

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Alexander Zinchuk (Reg. #30541) on October 14, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 8, line 9, "plurality bores" has been changed to --plurality of bores--.

In claim 10, line 3, "means" has been changed to --means associated with said sleeve--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant invention is deemed to be an unobvious improvement over the invention patented in JP 11-315,794. The improvement comprises a circumferential groove provided in an outer circumferential surface of a tempering component and opening outwardly along with means for enabling circulation of cooling medium through the circumferential groove and union means connectable with an outside source of the cooling medium for feeding the cooling medium to the circumferential groove.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron R. Eastman whose telephone number is (571)270-3132. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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